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Serial No. 10/018,686 : Group Art Unit 2652  
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OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE : **Mail Stop: RCE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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